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Dear Ted,

You will recall that through your good offices the CIA was privileged to receive a picture of President Kennedy inscribed, "To the Central Intelligence Agency with esteem--John F. Kennedy." Needless to say, we treasure this as a historical document of inestimable value and we feel greatly honored to have such a document. We have also acquired a picture of President Truman inscribed, "To the Central Intelligence Agency, a necessity to the President of the United States, from one who knows--Harry S. Truman," and we have a picture of President Eisenhower inscribed to the Agency.

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I would now like to seek your good offices in asking President Johnson to inscribe a picture to the Central Intelligence Agency with whatever comment he deems appropriate. This will then mean that the Agency will have an inscribed picture from every President that it has served since its official creation in 1947. These will be hung in our main corridor where they will be a great boost to the morale of our employees. I would be deeply appreciative of whatever you can do in this regard. (Incidentally, we all thought the picture of the President on the cover of LIFE was superb, and maybe he would inscribe that one.)

I also want to extend my thanks to you for your share in making the ceremony at which I was honored such an unforgettable occasion. I will always prize not only the medal and the citation, but also the pictures taken with the President. It was a great thrill for the family.

Finally, may I remind you that we are looking forward hopefully to briefing you, Messrs. Valenti, Jenkins, Moyers and

anybody else on the White House staff that has a "need to know" and would be interested in being better acquainted with the Agency. I realize you all are very much engrossed with the forthcoming elections, but I do hope that sometime in the near future we can set up this briefing for you.

Sincerely yours,

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